9th August 1955]

Sri K. G. MUNISWAMI GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received recently from the ryots of Wallajah and Arkonam taluks in North Arcot district about their loss of crops due to attacks by insects and pests; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) No representation has been received from the ryots of Wallajah taluk regarding the prevalence of pests. A few representations were received from the ryots in Arkonam taluk.

" (b) There was a pest attack only on a limited scale in a few villages in Arkonam taluk. In Wallajah taluk, there were no cases of attack by pests on a large scale. The Agriculture Department has been keeping a careful watch and taken necessary preventive and control measures even in cases of very mild incidence. The petitions for grant of remission for loss of crop on account of pest attack have been sent to the Revenue Officers for necessary action."

Irrigation of lands in Coimbatore and adjacent taluks.

* 2044 Q.—Sri P. S. RANGASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government propose to divert the waters of the rivers flowing from the Kundah Hills from west to east with a view to irrigate the lands in Coimbatore and its adjacent taluks?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The answer is in the negative, Sir."

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans.

* 2045 Q.—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any proposal was under the consideration of the Government some four years back for the assignment of house-sites to the Harijans in Sepakkam village, Vriddhachalam taluk, and

(b) if so, the reason for the delay in implementing the proposals so far?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Harijans of Sepakkam village, South Arcot district, applied to the Collector for provisions of house-sites in the year 1951. As the sites selected by the Harijans were unsuitable for house-building purposes, the proposals could not be pushed through. In 1953, on the further representations from the Harijans, the Collector selected some other